

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (currently amended). 1. A device for retrieving objects, comprising:

- a. an elongated handle with two ends;
- b. a rectangular or square base mount, affixed to one end of the handle, and extending transversely to the handle;
- c. a box-shaped basket with a top, base, two opposing sides and two opposing ends, capable of holding two or more objects, wherein the base mount forms the top of the basket, and two opposing sides and the base of the basket are formed from a series of three or more generally U-shaped rods each with a first end and a second end and a transverse base section and two parallel side sections, said rods being affixed at their first and second ends to the base mount, wherein each rod is substantially parallel to and not in contact with the other rods and each section of each rod is substantially parallel to corresponding sections of the other rods, so that the two opposing ends of the basket are open ~~series of three or more closed loops affixed to the base mount in substantially parallel relation to form a basket with two opposing ends capable of holding two or more objects.~~

Claim 2 (canceled).

Claim 3 (original). The device of claim 1, wherein the first end and the second end of each rod are affixed to opposite sides of the base mount ~~the loops are formed from a plurality of bent or curved rods with two ends, each end affixed to the base mount.~~

Claim 4 (canceled).

Claim 5 (original). The device of claim 1, wherein the base mount comprises two rectangular pieces affixed to each other in parallel by one or more cross-bars or pieces.

Claim 6 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the rods ~~loops~~ are permanently affixed to the base mount.

Claim 7 (original). The device of claim 1, wherein the rods are removably affixed to the base mount.

Claim 8 (canceled).

Claim 9 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein ~~two of the bends in the U-~~  
shaped rods are approximately 90 degrees.

Claim 10 (currently amended). The device of claim 1 ~~[[8]]~~, wherein the base of the  
basket ~~bottom face~~ is flat.

Claim 11 (currently amended). The device of claim 1 ~~[[8]]~~, wherein the base sections of  
one or more of the U-shaped rods ~~loops~~ are curved or bent inward towards the interior of the  
basket ~~along the bottom face~~ so the base of the basket ~~bottom face~~ is concave or angled inwards  
~~towards the base mount~~ in whole or in part.

Claim 12 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein one or both open ends of the basket are closed by a continuation of the series of rods ~~loops~~, diminishing in size.

Claim 13 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, ~~wherein one or both ends of the basket are open, and~~ further comprising one or more end-pieces attached to one or both open ends of the basket ~~such open ends~~.

Claim 14 (currently amended). The device of claim 13, wherein one or more of the end-pieces are hingeably-attached to one or more of the rods forming the basket or the base mount.

Claim 15 (currently amended). The device of claim 14, further comprising one or more closing devices attached to one or more of the end-pieces to hold the end-pieces closed in relation to the basket.

Claim 16 (original). The device of claim 13, wherein one or both of the end-pieces comprise a single bent or curved rod, a grid or mesh structure, a plate, or some combination thereof.

Claim 17 (canceled).

Claim 18 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the rods ~~loops~~ are spaced apart in an array a distance at least the diameter of a standard golf ball.

Claim 19 (currently amended). The device of claim 1, wherein the rods ~~said loops~~ are flexible enough to allow objects to be squeezed between the loops into the basket.